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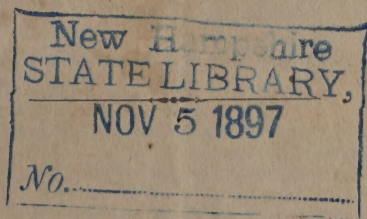
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OF THE
TOWN OF STRATHAM,
FOR THE
Year ending March 1st, 1864.
ALSO THE
REPORT
OF THE
SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.



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RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES

OF THE

TOWN OF STRATHAM,

For the Year ending March 1st, 1864.

Account of Collector John W. Wiggin.

Amount of Tax committed to him for collection \$3344 39

COLLECTOR WIGGIN'S DISCHARGE.

Paid State Tax	\$1004 40
County Tax	656 40
Selectmen in cash	1584 03
Non-resident highway tax worked out	32 30
Abatement of taxes	37 19
Collector for services	30 07
	\$3344 39

STRATHAM, March 1st, 1864.

This day examined the foregoing accounts of John W. Wiggin, and find them fairly brought, rightly cast, well vouched and balanced.

CHARLES N. HEALEY, }
JOHN H. BARKER, } Auditors.

Money received by the Selectmen.

Received of the Selectmen of 1862	\$1256 34
of the county for county paupers	806 31
of the State, bounty furnished by the State	1100 00
“ “ “ “ by the U. S. Government	372 00
“ “ aid furnished for volunteers' families	954 77
“ “ Literary Fund	51 30
“ “ Railroad tax for 1863	177 82
“ “ “ “ 1862	141 00
of Collector Wiggin in cash	1584 03
money hired since March 10th, 1863	9890 00
	\$16,333 57

SELECTMEN'S DISCHARGE.

Outstanding Demands.

Paid	C. H. Goodwin, blank books and stationery	5 70
	E. A. Pickering, note in full	636 00
	James Daily, disabled soldier fare to Concord	1 50
	Treasurer of Exeter Academy Fund on note	200 00
	J. O. Wiggin, copy of Town officer	1 00
	J. L. Huntress on note	111 00
	Mrs. Jane Wentworth, labor for S. and M. Philpot	3 50
	" Mercy Jewell " " " "	5 62
	" Olive Stockbridge " " " "	2 50
	" Margaret M. Smith " " " "	5 36
	Supplies for Mehitable Brewster	11 00
	John G. Cate on note	50 00
	Mrs. Betsey Rundlett, surplus from 1851 to 1863	5 20
	N. B. Jenness on note	150 00
	F. Grant, stationery	40
	James M. Lovering, Inter. Rev. stamps	5 30
	G. E. Lane, cord wood delivered S. Huntress	6 00
	D. Chase, abatement of tax	3 00
	C. H. Mendum & Co., premium on greenbacks	5 00
	J. S. Harvey, Int. Rev. stamps	1 64
	B. P. Rollins, interest on note	18 00
	S. W. Dow, " " "	90 00
	D. W. C. Jewell, notes in full	365 86
	J. G. Cate, note in full	208 05
	S. W. Dow, " " "	1531 50
	E. Chase jr., given in favor of J. L. Chase, note in full	321 65
	L. A. Willey on note	50 72
	S. Cate, interest on note	15 60
	J. G. Cate on note	135 68
	J. B. Hobbs, examining records of North Hampton	1 50
	G. H. Odell for medicine and medical attendance on our town and county poor	50 00
	G. C. Brown, half cord wood for Mrs. Sally Huntress	2 25
	G. H. Odell for medicine and medical attendance on town and county poor to March 1st, 1863	50 00
	J. O. Wiggin, services after auditing	7 00
	Zebulon Wiggin, use of Post Office	2 00
	Thomas J. Whittem, 325 copies town account	12 00
	" " " advertising for Superintendent	75
	A. R. Wiggin, coffin and robe for the body of a volunteer	9 00
	M. M. Smith on note	12 00
	Moses Wentworth for support of child of M. Bennett	3 00
	J. L. Jewell, half cord wood for the same	2 25
	C. H. Bailey, taking acknowledgement of transfer of bounties	50
	A. E. Jewell, abatement of tax	1 00
	Melissa Wentworth on note	25 00
	Levi Chase, ringing bell and sweeping hall	2 00
	Town of Exeter tax	22 12
	John G. Cate on account	230 10
	" " " services as Superintendent to April 1st, 1863	200 00

Paid D. S. Norton, watering trough	3 00
J. G. Cate for the benefit of town farm	100 00
Gideon Wiggin, abatement of tax	1 23
J. L. Jewell, Revenue stamps	75
Services as Treasurer	
O. Berry, abatement of tax	8 00
R. F. M. F. Insurance Company	3 45
G. E. Lane, wood furnished for Jackson Hall	4 78
" " abatement of tax	37
" " services as town clerk	3 00
" " copying tax list, keeping records	7 00
" " recording births, deaths, marriages	5 00
Dr. Ode	1 08
Concord, making returns	70
Copying enrollment and making returns to Concord	50
Stationery and postage	80
J. H. Barker and C. N. Healey, services as auditors	3 00
J. W. Rollins, services after auditing	2 00

 \$4720 85

Roads and Bridges.

Paid Charles W. Jones, 340 ft bridge plank	4 42
" " " 40 loads gravel	5 00
James S. Chase, 34 " "	3 40
M. F. Young, breaking roads	2 50
J. H. Barker, " "	7 73
S. Jones, " "	3 00
A. M. Sanderson, " "	2 63
J. French, " "	5 20
" " scraper \$1.00, repairs of highways \$1.24	2 24
George Lane, repairs on scraper and chain	60
Nathaniel Wiggin, breaking roads	1 50
G. B. Fifield, " "	69
T. W. Rollins, " "	1 00
" Taughton, " "	4 76
B. D. " " "	3 00
W. Wiggin, " travel	4 14
G. C. Brown for " breaking roads	2 00
William B. Lang, breaking " labor on bridge	3 50
C. N. Healey, lumber and labor " highway	3 37
O. Berry, labor more than tax on " "	1 00
J. H. Barker, work on roads more than tax	

 \$61 68

Schools.

Paid Henry P. Wingate for benefit School District No. 1	\$191 05
James S. Chase " " " " No. 2	191 05
James S. Leavitt " " " " No. 3	191 05
Howard M. Rundlett " " " " No. 4	191 05

 \$764 20

Committees.

Paid H. P. Wingate, District No. 1	3 00
James S. Chase, " " 2	3 00
James S. Leavitt, " " 3	3 00
Howard M. Rundlett " " 4	3 00
William G. Brown, Sup. School Committee	20 00
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	\$32 00

School Houses.

Paid H. P. Wingate, repairs on School House Dist. No. 1	4 75
James S. Chase, " " " " 2	6 28
Howard M. Rundlett " " " " 4	7 13
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	\$18 16

Volunteers.

Paid in bounties to volunteers	\$6574 00
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Drafted Men.

Paid in bounties to drafted men	\$1500 00
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State Aid.

Paid in State aid to families	1217 13
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County Poor.

Paid for support of county poor not at the farm	\$166 11
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Town of Stratham to John L. Jewell Dr.

March 14th—To going to Exeter after supplies for the family of Paul Jones	1 00
19th—To 1-2 day in session at E. Jewell's	50
28th—To Exeter after supplies for the family of Paul Jones	1 00
31st—To Addison Wiggin and attending Jury meeting	50
April 2d, 3d, 4th, 6th—Taking Inventory. 8th—Making assessment	6 25
27th—To one day in session preparing Surveyor's and Collector's books	1 00
28th—To making out State aid bill and going to Exeter	1 50
May 2d—To appointing Surveyors and distributing books	1 00
8th—To recording Taxes and making returns of Collectors Warrant	2 25
15th—To obtaining a nurse for the Philpot family	50
June 2d—In session at the Post Office	35
6th—To E. Jewell's and S. Newmarket to get allowed for supplies furnished the family of Paul Jones	1 00
8th—To Addison Wiggin and Widow E. Wiggin about State aid claim	75
17th—Met the Selectmen at Post Office. To Exeter and town farm	1 00
30th—Met the Selectmen at the Post Office	35
July 15th—To the farm on town business	35
17th—To Philpots to see about furnishing a nurse	35
Aug. 4th—To writing and posting Warrants	40
12th—To time and expenses to Concord about State aid bill	4 05
14th—To obtaining information about the enlistment of Vols.	50

Aug. 17th—Went after help for Philpots, to E. Jewell's and A. Wiggin	50
24th—To going to farm about town affairs	25
Sept. 1st—Expenses at Concord about S. aid bill and Volunteers	4 05
11th—To New Market to pay interest on note held by S. W. Dow	1 00
16th—To getting nurse to Philpot family	25
22d—To making out list of volunteers per order of Adjutant General	50
26th—To Addison's, reviewing notes and attending jury meeting	1 00
—To making out County bill	50
Oct. 21st—To Portsmouth to settle with County	1 25
Nov. 12th—To Addison Wiggin's and posting Warrants	50
—To obtaining evidence in Pauper case	1 00
Dec. 26th—To town farm revising jury box and to prize farm stock and name the cost of supporting the poor &c.	75
Nov. 17th—To notifying voters of the informal meeting	1 00
1864 Jan. 20th—For information in regard to settlement of paupers	50
22nd—To Exeter to settle with County	75
Feb. 9th—To writing and posting warrants	1 00
—To notifying voters to informal meeting	75
18th—To one evening in session at A. Wiggin's	50
19th—To one half day in session at E. Jewell's	50
" —To writing warrants and check list	1 00
26th—To one day at Farm	1 00
27th—To half day in session	50
" —To going at sundry times to settle with volunteers' families	5 00
29th—To going to Exeter to pay Exeter tax	50
March 1st—To one day preparing town accounts	1 00
" —To one day in session	1 00
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	\$51 15

Received Payment,
JOHN L. JEWELL.

Town of Stratham to Addison Wiggin Dr.

1863.	
March 14—To J. L. Jewell	50
16—To South Newmarket to examine Records	75
18—To John L. Jewell and E. Jewell	75
20—To Kingston on Town business	1 75
24—To J. L. Jewell and E. Pickering	75
April 1—To half day taking inventory	62
8—To two days making assessment	2 00
—To making taxes	6 00
27—To one day in session	1 00
—To supplies to transient poor	75
30—To attending jury meeting	25
—To make return of Railroad stock	50
May 3—To Danville on account of pauper	3 00
5—To J. L. Jewell Town farm and Exeter	75
—To appoint surveyors and distribute warrants	50

June 6—	To J. L. Jewell, on account of Mrs. Wiggin's claim to State aid	50
Aug. "	—To Town farm to Carry E. Robinson	75
" "	—To Portsmouth on account of draft	2 00
11—	To a journey to Concord	4 00
15—	" " "	4 00
	—To attend jury meeting	25
Nov. 12—	To writing warrants for Town meeting	50
	—To notify an informal Town meeting	1 00
25—	To Exeter, J. L. Jewell and S. Jones	1 00
	—To fourteen days to Portsmouth on account of volunteers	35 00
Dec. "	—To Town farm	50
	—To revise jury box	50
1864 Jan. 23—	To attend jury meeting	25
Feb. 5—	To Mr. Jewell on business	50
8—	To one evening in session	50
19—	" " "	50
24—	To a journey to Concord to get government and state bounties and railroad tax	3 50
26—	To one day at Town farm	1 00
27—	To half day and evening in session	75
March 1—	To one day auditing accounts	1 00
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		\$77 87

Stratham, March 1, 1864.

Received Payment,
ADDISON WIGGIN.**Town of Stratham to Elwyn Jewell Dr.**

1863.

March 27—	Half day at Mrs. Brewster's	50
31—	Attending jury meeting	50
April 3, 4, 6—	To taking inventory	3 75
7, 8—	Two days making assessment	2 00
27—	One day at J. L. Jewell's on business	1 00
23—	To attending jury meeting	50
29—	To enrolling militia	50
Aug. 17—	To getting nurse for Philpots	50
22—	At town Farm three and half days, 1.50 per day	5 25
Oct. 5—	To attending jury meeting	25
Dec. 3—	At L. Wentworth's	50
24—	To revising jury box	50
26—	At town Farm	50
Jan. 23, 1864—	To jury meeting	25
Feb. 9—	To notifying voters to attend meeting	1 00
18—	To Exeter	50
18—	Paid for printing	75
20—	At South Newmarket	50
22—	In session half day	50
Jan. 27—	To Concord to get state bounty	4 00
Feb. 26—	One day at town Farm	1 00
27—	Half day auditing	50
Mar. 1—	Half day auditing	50
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		\$24 75

Received payment,

March 1, 1864.

ELWYN JEWELL.

Recapitulation.

Outstanding demands	4,720 85
Roads and Bridges	61 68
Schools	764 20
Committees	32 00
School Houses	18 16
Bounty to Volunteers	6,574 00
" " Drafted men	1,500 00
State aid to families	1,217 13
County poor not at the farm	166 11
Selectmen's bills	153 77
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Expenditures	15,207 90
Cash in the Selectmen's hands	1,125 67
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	\$16,333 57

STRATHAM, March 1st, 1864.

This day examined the foregoing accounts of the Selectmen, and find them fairly brought, rightly cast and vouched, and a balance of eleven hundred and twenty-five dollars and sixty-seven cents in their hands.

CHARLES N. HEALEY, }
JOHN H. BARKER, } Auditors.

There are notes held against the town to the amount of 18,290 00

Means of Payment.

Cash in the Selectmen's hands	1,125 67
Due from County	164 00
" " the State	862 00
" " U. S. Government	3,150 00
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	5,301 67

Amount of Town Debt \$12,988 33

Town Farm.

Expenditures	823 24	Receipts	545 14
Superintendent,		Sundry Families	
Services	200 00	For wood and groceries	57 58
Labor	52 00	Received for support of	
		County poor	605 00
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	1075 24		1207 72
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Balance in favor of farm			132 48

The following notes were held against the town March 11th, 1863 :

Sewell W. Dow	1500	Edwin A. Pickering	600
Exeter Academy Fund	3000	Jeremiah H. Jones	500
Alonzo Wentworth	450	George F. Smith	300
William Wentworth	375	John L. Chase	300
Levi Jewell	150	John G. Cate	100
Elizabeth A. Willey	140	Nathan B. Jenness	800
DeWitt C. Jewell	200	George Chapman	100
Samuel Cate	260		
Benjamin F. Rollins	300		2700
Elisha Chase Jr.	250		8935
Phebe French	800		
Phebe French	1000	Hired prior to March 11, 1863	\$11,635
Josiah Burleigh	350		
Benjamin H. Jewett	160		
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	8935		

The following notes have been given since March 11th, 1863, and are now held against the town :

Samuel Cate	575	George Barker	100
George J. Robinson	140	Mark Roberts	600
William H. Jewell	100	Leonard Lang	250
Ellen C. Foss	200	Samuel Jones	2500
Freeman H. Burleigh	350	Charles W. Jones	100
Albert D. Wiggin	325	Charles Robinson & Son	4000
Levi Jewell	300		
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	1990		1990

Hired since March 11th, 1863 \$9,540

ADDISON WIGGIN, } Selectmen
JOHN L. JEWELL, } of
ELWYN JEWELL, } Stratham.

REPORT

OF THE

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE,

For the Year ending March, 1864.

District No. 1.

HENRY P. WINGATE, Prudential Committee.

The Summer School was taught by Miss MARY E. CLARK. This was Miss C.'s first school. At the first visit this school appeared well ; order and studiousness was apparent to a commendable degree ; the qualifications and ability of the Teacher seemed to warrant a good school. At the last visit it was found that the Teacher had been untiring in her exertions for the advancement of her pupils, which was secured to a good degree.

Winter Term taught by Mr. JAMES T. JACKSON. This is Mr. J.'s fifth term in this District, a man possessed of ability, with sufficient zeal and ambition requisite for a good Teacher. This term was a complete success.

District No. 2.

JAMES S. CHASE, Prudential Committee.

The Summer School of this District, was taught by Miss ALICE BRACKETT. Miss B. is a Teacher of some experience, and labored hard to discharge her duty to the school, endeavoring to get the good will of her scholars that she might lead them in the paths of knowledge more easily.

The Winter School was under the direction of Mr. BENJ. F. SANBORN, Mr. S. has taught in this town several terms with success. The school this winter was the largest in town, the capacity of the school room being too small for the comfortable accommodation of all, which may in part account for some extra confusion found to exist at the several visits of your Committee, notwithstanding at the last examination the School as a whole reviewed their studies with considerable degree of credit to themselves.

District No. 3.

JAMES S. LEAVITT, Prudential Committee.

Teacher of this School Summer Term Miss SOPHILA J. FOYE. Miss F. is one of those Teachers possessing the ability to impart knowledge so that

it may be readily understood by the scholar, exercising a healthful discipline over those under her control. Good order was observed. Your Committee was well pleased with the improvement of the School.

Winter Term taught by Mr. JOHN W. BERRY. Mr. B. is a Teacher of tried ability, having taught one term before this, to the acceptance of this District. His regard for his scholars being reciprocated, it was with comparative ease that he could govern them; and as might be expected, this school has made decided improvement.

District No. 4.

HOWARD M. RUNDLETT, Prudential Committee.

Summer School taught by Miss MARY W. C. DEARBORN. This is Miss D.'s first attempt at teaching. This school is the smallest in town, but it possesses a good degree of life and animation. The scholars being prompt in their recitations, and good order observed, aided by an efficient Teacher, they made good advancement.

Winter School kept by Mr. CHARLES A. CHENEY. This is the first experience Mr. C. has had in teaching. This school, like the one preceding, was small, but with commendable zeal he has labored with his school, doing credit to himself and those under his instruction. Good progress was made.

Remarks.

It is proper at the close of another year that the Superintendent of Schools, should present you with a report of the schools, and such other facts and suggestions as may be advisable.

Our schools the past year have been for the most part satisfactory in regard to the object it aimed to accomplish; and its influence upon those who have availed themselves of its privileges have been good.

"A school is a place of training." The business of the pupil is to overcome difficulties. To do this with dispatch it needs the diligent application of each scholar; for what may be difficult for one may not be for another. It needs the encouragement of each parent, and all those who may have the care of children. These, with an efficient Teacher, cannot fail to accomplish satisfactory results.

I think it would be well if at this time I should say a few words in regard to our School Houses. It is true that those buildings we call School Houses do afford shelter for all the children of the town; but is that all that is wanted just to have a place to send the children to spend six hours of the day toiling over their books with little or no regard for their comfort? If this is the great end to be sought, then we have very near what is needed. But if the hours of school time are to be hours of instruction, of active exercise of the mind, and of personal influence by the Teacher on both the mind and heart of every pupil, and the maintenance of that order which are conditions

of a school's existence are objects to be gained, let these poor apologies of School Houses be disenthroned and from their remains come up temples of learning that shall be a source of lasting profit and happiness to the children and honor to the town.

Our Teachers taken collectively have been above the average, as regards intellectual attainments. It should always be the aim of the Prudential Committee to procure teachers that have the right principles themselves, that they may impart to their pupils a love for what is wise, for what true, for what is lovely, for what is pure and virtuous.

One very essential thing for the interest and prosperity of our Schools is too far lost sight of, that of visiting the schools by parents and guardians. It does encourage our sons and daughters to know that we take an interest in their progress by our presence in the school-room. It will give strength to the Teacher to know that we are acting in harmony with him. The lack of this has the past year been too manifest for the good of all. If parents would make themselves more familiar with what is going on in the school-room they would more readily see the wants of the scholars. Why this indifference in this matter? We complain that the Teacher does not do his or her duty. How do we know this when the only time we enter the school-room is at the annual meeting of the District?

The Text Books in some of the schools need to be changed. There are some instances in our schools where there are books of the same kind, but of different editions; thus making it very difficult for the Teacher to hear the recitations; as in one instance a class in Geography was called out and the Teacher proceeded to ask them some questions in regard to their lesson, when one said that is not in my book or any thing like it. This is not a single instance. Also in reading there seemed to be a scarcity of books, which should be supplied. See to it that there is nothing in the way of your children's progress, or that they lack anything for their advancement.

There is one other consideration to which your Committee would ask your attention. It is that in the selection of Teachers, as far as may be expedient, the Prudential Committee procure the services of such Teachers as are qualified to teach Music in some degree; at least to be able to lead the school in singing. It is the custom to open the school in the morning with some devotional exercise. How natural and beautiful would vocal music mingle with these exercises.

Respectfully submitted by

WM. G. BROWN, Sup. Sch. Committee.

Stratham, March 1, 1864.

TABLE OF STATISTICS.

Districts	1	2	3	4	Total.
Weeks kept in Summer	14	12	12	16	54
“ “ “ Winter	13	12	13	15	53
Number of Scholars in Summer	41	35	32	12	120
“ “ “ “ Winter	40	51	37	12	140
Average attendance in Summer	30	30	24	9	93
“ “ “ “ Winter	30	44	28	8	110
Wages of Female Teachers per month, including board	Not report'd	Not report'd	\$18	\$16	
Wages of Male Teachers per month, including board	\$34	\$41	\$38	\$30	\$143
Amount of Local Funds					
“ “ Income from Literary Fund					\$51 30
“ “ School Money raised by town					744 00
Whole amount of School Money					795 30
Visits by Sup'g School Committee	6	5	4	4	19
“ “ Prudential Committee	1	1	0	4	6
“ “ citizens and others	37	72	66	35	210

List of Text Books.

Sargent's Series of Readers ; Town's Speller and Definer ; Tower's Series Grammar ; Cornell's Series, and Colton and Fitch's Geographies ; Colburn's and Holbrook's Mental Arithmetics ; Greenleaf's Com. School and Nat. Written Arithmetic ; Davies' Elementary Algebra ; Goodrich's United States History ; Quackenbos' Rhetoric ; Payson's Dutton's and Scribner's Writing Books.





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